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SECURE DRIVE KEY AND A DRIVE ID

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COMMUNICATION OVER A PUBLIC

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Dear Sir,

In response to an a final office action mailed on 5/13/2004 for the aboveidentified patent application (a petition for a one month extension is included herewith), please consider the following remarks: